

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed January 25, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 June 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

Applicant's amendment filed January 25, 2005 has overcome the grounds of rejection previously presented. As such, claims 6-9 are deemed allowable over the prior art of record, the reasons for allowance are as follows:

In regards to claim 6 Examiner notes that Applicant has argues that Fukumitsu does not provide a recess in said body section. Examiner notes that this is not the case as a recess is clearly provided for housing the imaging device as shown in Fig. 2 of Fukumitsu. Further, Examiner notes that one skilled in the art would recognize to mount the imaging device of Hinoue on Fukumitsu's computer as disclosed by any one of USPN 6,417,884 to Chang (see Fig. 2); USPN 6,445,417 to Yoshida et al. (see Fig. 4); and USPN 5,903,706 to Wakabayashi et al. (see Figs. 1 and 23). However, none of the references of record disclose nor fairly suggest that even if said display panel section is pivotally closed with respect to said body section, said image pickup apparatus can be turned without interfering with said body section. Contrary to that, one would typically think to keep the camera facing in towards the camera body in that situation so as to protectively store the camera and in particular the lens similar to the teaching of Wakabayashi on column 8, lines 17-27, since when the display panel section is pivotally closed with respect to said body section the computer is typically turned off and the camera would not be used. Claims 7-9 depend from claim 6.

For clarification of the record, since Applicant did not indicate where the added limitation is supported in the specification, Examiner notes that support for the added limitation is found in the specification on page 7, line 23 – page 8, line 2 and page 23, line 22 – page 24, line 3.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian C. Genco who can be reached by phone at 571-272-7364 or by fax at 571-273-7364. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached at 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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